

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. This Response is submitted merely to address issues regarding the originally filed Reissue oath/declaration, which are believed to be addressed by the enclosed Supplemental Declaration. As such, Applicants respectfully submit no new matter is presented herein.

The Reissue oath/declaration filed with the application was deemed defective for failing to identify at least one error relied upon to support the reissue application. As such, Claims 1-11 are rejected for being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. §251. According to 37 C.F.R. §1.175(b)(1), a Supplemental Reissue oath/declaration is required.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the assertion made in the Office Action that the Reissue oath/declaration filed with the application is defective as the document clearly identifies at least one error relied upon to support the Reissue application. See Item 4 of the declaration. However, to further advance and expedite prosecution of the Reissue application, Applicants enclose herein an executed appropriate Supplemental Reissue oath/declaration that now provides at least two errors relied upon to support the Reissue application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit Claims 1-11 are not based upon a defective Reissue declaration and request withdrawal of the objection and rejection thereof. Furthermore, Applicants will only surrender the original patent upon receiving a Notice of Allowance for the claims pending herein.

**For reissue of Patent No. 5,931,011
Serial No. 09/925,887
Attorney Docket No. 100816-00012**

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejection, allowance of the claims, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing **attorney docket number 100816-00012**.

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Enclosure: Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration

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